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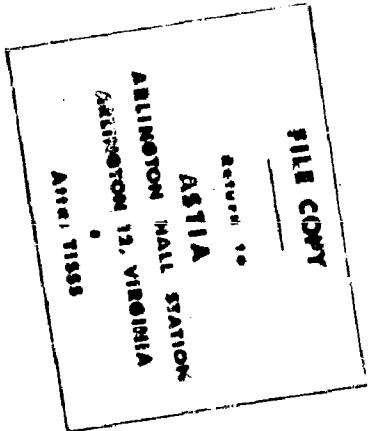
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During the period of the report, two patients with disseminated cancer but considered to be in good medical condition received total body radiation. Both patients were followed and the post irradiation syndrome carefully scrutinized.

In the case of the first patient for whom this was the second course of radiation, there was no appreciable change in the platelet count during three months subsequent to her irradiation. The patient is currently being followed at monthly intervals.

The second patient showed hematologic depression following irradiation and developed bleeding diathesis on the third week post irradiation. Protamine sulphate was given to the patient on the 26th post irradiation day to alleviate this condition but in spite of this unfortunately the patient expired on the 32nd day post irradiation having developed acute pulmonary edema.

Work is continuing on the study of cell membrane activity following total body irradiation.

Urinary excretion patterns following total body irradiation is also being checked as an index of radiation exposure.

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